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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 7051**
Hidemasa IIJIMA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2003-0972A
Serial No. 10/619,673 : Group Art Unit 1731
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ELECTION OF INVENTION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of August 17, 2006, Applicants elect the method claim, claim 18.

Applicants traverse the finality of the Office Action. It is noted that on the cover sheet forwarding the Office Action, the form PTOL-326, it was indicated that the action was final. However, this was the first instance of an election requirement, and it is respectfully submitted and believed that it should not be made final. Further, it is respectfully submitted and believed that examination should proceed on the elected claim at this point as a matter of right.

Respectfully submitted,

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